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PATENT Attorney Docket No. 5051.511 UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit: 1645 Examiner: My-Chau T. Tran ABSORBING AND NON-ADSORBING SURFACES FOR BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS For: RECEIVED Date: April 15, 2002 APR 2 5 2002 Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 TECH CENTER 1600/2900 PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) month(s) to 1. respond to the Official Action dated November 15, 2001. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested: 2. is filed herewith. has been filed. Applicant: 3. Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Does not claim small entity status. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)): 4.

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\$55.00 \$110.00 one month \$200.00 \$400.00 two months \$460.00 \$920.00 three months \$720.00 \$1,440.00 four months \$980.00 \$1,960.00 five months Fee Enclosed \$ 200.00___

Fee For Other

Than Small Entity

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A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.

Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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